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**Commission split on leadership**

**Harrison chosen mayor on 32 vote, Denver declines vice-mayor nomination**

**BY KERRY PERCY**  
**10:45 PM**

The city commission split 32-18 on Wednesday night to elect Steve Harrison as Denver's 33rd mayor. The commission also declined to nominate a vice mayor, a move that surprised some observers.

Harrison, 57, was elected to the position after a runoff election against incumbent Mayor Michael Hancock. Hancock had been re-elected to a second term in November, but his support in the commission was significantly weaker than in the city council.

The commission's decision to not name a vice mayor was a surprise, as Hancock had been widely expected to be re-nominated. Hancock had been a vocal supporter of Harrison's campaign, but the commission's decision suggests a shift in the city's political landscape.

Harrison's victory was a significant win for the liberal wing of the commission. Hancock, on the other hand, is seen as a more conservative figure. The split in the commission reflects the ongoing tensions between these two groups in Denver's politics.

**Trying to decrease wind erosion, maintain soil moisture**

**BY JEFFREY WATSON**  
**10:45 PM**

As the spring planting season begins, farmers in the Front Range are looking for ways to reduce wind erosion and maintain soil moisture. One solution is to use windbreaks, which are rows of trees or shrubs planted in a field to reduce wind speed and prevent soil from blowing away.

Windbreaks can also help to reduce evaporation, which is a major concern for farmers in the semi-arid West. By reducing wind speed, windbreaks can help to keep the soil moist, which is essential for crop growth.

Another solution is to use cover crops, which are planted in the winter and cover the soil during the spring. Cover crops can help to reduce wind erosion and maintain soil moisture by adding organic matter to the soil and reducing wind speed.

Farmers are also using no-till farming, which involves not plowing the soil. This helps to reduce wind erosion and maintain soil moisture by leaving the soil covered with crop residue.

**Rep. Huelskamp demands answers from Secretary Napolitano**

**BY JEFFREY WATSON**  
**10:45 PM**

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) has demanded answers from Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano regarding the administration's handling of the border security issue. Gohmert has accused the administration of being ineffective in addressing the growing number of illegal immigrants crossing the border.

Gohmert has called for Napolitano to provide a detailed report on the administration's border security strategy. He has also called for Napolitano to take more aggressive action to secure the border.

Napolitano has defended the administration's border security strategy, stating that it is the most comprehensive and effective strategy in the history of the United States. She has also stated that the administration is committed to securing the border and reducing illegal immigration.

**Former Liberal residents receive Philanthropist of the Year award in OKC**

**BY JEFFREY WATSON**  
**10:45 PM**

The former Liberal residents of the city of Oklahoma City have been honored with the Philanthropist of the Year award. The award was presented to a group of former Liberal residents who have made significant contributions to the city and the state.

The award was presented by the Oklahoma City Philanthropic Society. The society is a non-profit organization that promotes philanthropy and community service in Oklahoma City. The award is presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the city and the state.

The former Liberal residents who received the award include [names of recipients]. They have been recognized for their leadership, generosity, and commitment to the community.

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